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In re Patent Application of: Edward G. Gatliff, Ph.d.

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For: ROOT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Group Art Unit: 3644

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2005, setting forth a Requirement for Election of Species in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner alleges that the application contains claims directed to seven patentably distinct species, from which election is required:

Species I Figures 2 and 9-14;

Species II Figures 3-8;

Species III Figure 18;

Species IV Figure 19;

Species V Figure 20;

Species VI Figure 21;

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Species VII Figures 22-24.

In response, Applicant hereby elects the claims of (Figures 3-8) on which claims 1-9, 19-25 Species ΙI readable.

An action on the merits is now respectfully awaited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 908-654-5000 so as to overcome any additional objections.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the charge response, the Examiner is authorized to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

Dated: November 4, 2005 Respectfully submitted,

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